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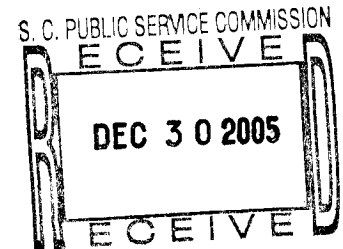
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December 29, 2005

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Re: Request for Extended Area Service in York County
PSC Docket No.: 2005-241-C

**Removing Business Telecom, Inc. from Motion to Compel and
Requesting Extension Until Motion is Ruled Upon**


Dear Mr. Terreni:

I am writing in reference to the Office of Regulatory Staff's Motion for a Continuance and Motion to Compel which was filed with the Commission on November 14, 2005. ORS listed several companies which failed to respond to its request for information concerning this docket. ORS has received a response from Business Telecom, Inc.; therefore, ORS respectfully requests that the Commission remove this company from the Motion to Compel.

Additionally, because of the holiday schedule, the Commission has been unable to rule upon ORS's Motion to Compel. We would, therefore, respectfully request that the Commission grant the ORS an extension in the time required to file its report on this matter until such time as its Motion has been ruled upon. Notwithstanding the Motion to Compel, should ORS receive information from the remaining companies during this period sufficient to make a sound recommendation, we will file our report as soon as possible.

Thank you for your consideration of this request. Please let me know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'B. Mustian', with a stylized, flowing script.

Benjamin P. Mustian

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Global Crossing Telecommunications, Inc.
Excel Telecommunications, Inc.
MCI WorldCom Communications, Inc.
South Carolina Network, Inc.
Business Telecom, Inc.
One Call Communications, Inc.
Talk America, Inc.

BEFORE
THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF SOUTH CAROLINA
DOCKET NO. 2005-241-C

IN RE: Request for Extended)
 Area Service in) Certificate of Service
 York County)

This is to certify that I, Benjamin P. Mustian, an employee with the Office of Regulatory Staff, have this date served one (1) copy of the **Letter Dated December 29, 2005** in the above-referenced matter to the person(s) named below by causing said copy to be deposited in the United States Postal Service, first class postage prepaid and affixed thereto, and addressed as shown below:

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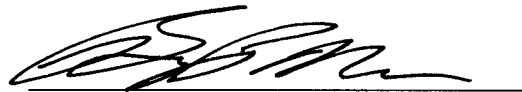
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